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**Hand Delivered to the
Minister of Transportation
In the Ontario Legislature**

December 14th, 2017

The Hon. Steven Del Duca
Minister of Transportation
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Dear Minister:

The House is scheduled to finish up today before the Christmas break.

As you will recall, on September 28th the Ontario Legislature unanimously passed our Private Members' Resolution calling upon you "***to partner with the Town of Halton Hills to develop a long-term transportation strategy for the Town, including a review of the need for a Highway 7 Acton bypass, taking into account the need for improved safety, efficiency, and economic development opportunities.***"

I worked closely with the Mayor, Council, and Staff of the Town of Halton Hills to bring this initiative forward in the Legislature. Town Council passed a resolution in September in support of it. Regional Chair Gary Carr supported it. The Halton Hills Chamber of Commerce supported it. The Acton Business Improvement Area (Acton BIA) was also in support of it.

All Members who spoke on the Resolution expressed support, including your Parliamentary Assistant. I know that her remarks would have been approved by your staff.

Since the passage of my resolution, I have written and spoken to you many times to follow up.

One last time before the House rises, we are requesting that your Ministry become a *funding partner* to the necessary study and the development of our long - term transportation strategy.

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We will soon be in the final quarter of the Government's 2017 – 18 fiscal year. I know from my experience in the Legislature that as you come to the end of the fiscal year, you and your staff will be reviewing your Ministry's budget. I know that some of your Ministry's program allocations will not have been fully spent. I know that you will be in a position to reallocate funds to emerging priorities which have been identified in recent months, subject to approval by the Treasury Board. There is an opportunity for you now to respond appropriately to our request.

I wish to invite you to visit Wellington-Halton Hills, and announce your Government's support as a *funding partner* for our long – term transportation strategy.

Sincerely,



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